
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES PENDING COMMISSION APPROVAL
WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16185611167>

Present:	Commissioner Ann Marie Wallace Representative Elizabeth Weight Commissioner Karen Leonardi Representative Karianne Lisonbee Commissioner Kristen Floyd Co-Chair Senator Luz Escamilla Co-Chair Commissioner Melissa Freigang Commissioner Morgan Lyon Cotti Commissioner Sarah Brenna Subcommittee Co-Chair Marin Christensen	Excused:	Kristen Schulz
		Absent:	Commissioner Brandie Morris Representative Ann Millner
		Guests:	Director Amanda McPeck Dr. Susan Madsen Director Gabriella Archuleta

Quorum: Yes

Support Staff: Mahal Roesser, Administrative Assistant
Jared Mendenhall, Public Information Officer
Madison Huber, Subcommittee Intern

1. Welcome and Introductions

Co-Chair, Senator Escamilla called to order the Women in the Economy Commission (WIEC) virtual meeting on November 23, 2021 at 2:15 p.m.

A. Co-Chair, Senator Escamilla called for introductions from attending Commissioners who described their roles and qualifications:

- i. Commissioner Ann Marie Wallace
- ii. Representative Elizabeth Weight
- iii. Commissioner Karen Leonardi
- iv. Representative Karianne Lisonbee
- v. Commissioner Kristen Floyd
- vi. **Co-Chair** Senator Luz Escamilla
- vii. **Co-Chair** Commissioner Melissa Freigang
- viii. Commissioner Morgan Lyon Cotti
- ix. Commissioner Sarah Brenna
- x. Subcommittee Co-Chair Marin Christensen

B. Guests and Members of the Community

- i. Dr. Susan Madsen
- ii. Director Gabriella Archuleta
- iii. Director Amanda McPeck

- C. Support Staff
 - i. Mahal Roesser
 - ii. Jared Mendenhall
 - iii. Madison Huber

2. **Opening Business**

Co-Chair Senator Escamilla led opening business discussions for the WIEC.

A. Purpose of WIEC

Co-Chair Senator Escamilla read the purpose statement of the WIEC.

B. Approval of the September 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Senator Escamilla called for a motion to approve the September 28, 2021 WIEC meeting minutes.

Motion: Representative Weight

Second: Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang

Approve: All

Oppose: None

3. Utah Open & Public Meetings Act Training

Director and General Counsel Amanda McPeck of Adjudication and Appeals for the Utah Department of Workforce Services led the annual Utah Open and Public Meetings Act Training for the WIEC.

A. Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang inquired about authorities related to public and specified bodies.

B. Representative Weight shared positive feedback about this annual training.

4. **Subcommittee Updates**

A. Policy Meeting

Senator Escamilla shared updates from the Policy Subcommittee on behalf of Representative Weight.

- i. Senator Escamilla announced the nomination to appoint Gabriella Archuleta of the YWCA Utah as a new public member of the Policy Subcommittee. Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang clarified the internal subcommittee approval process for this appointment.
- ii. Senator Escamilla summarized subcommittee discussion highlights related to child care subsidies, federal rules, policy interpretations, and current advocacy efforts.
- iii. Senator Escamilla reported on legislative status and the results of feedback received regarding rule and language changes.

B. Executive Subcommittee - Deferred

C. Communications Meeting

Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang shared updates from the Communications Subcommittee.

- i. Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang informed the WIEC of letters of invitation to be sent out to legislators for the January 25, 2022 session, summarized the purpose,

and recommended that the letters be sent out on behalf of WIEC from its legislative members.

- ii. **Mahal to send the draft letter to WIEC legislative members for review and signature consideration.**
- iii. Subcommittee Co-Chair Marin Christensen updated the WIEC on current projects, including the Commissioner Video Introductions and website migration, introduced intern Madison Huber, and asked that the Commissioners like and share the first [WIEC introduction video of Commissioner Ann Marie Wallace](#).
 1. Instagram: [@utah_wiec](#)
 2. **Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang and Madison Huber to connect offline regarding next introduction videos and interview times.**

D. Research Subcommittee

Senator Escamilla announced that the Research Subcommittee will be holding its first session before the next WIEC Commission meeting and is actively looking for new members.

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. New Business

- A. Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang acknowledged schedule constraints and reported that the Communications Subcommittee is working to identify ways to improve the navigation, organization, and flow of information and policies.
- B. Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang commented on the importance of the letters of invitation and the opportunity to engage with legislators.
- C. Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang discussed the format, focus, and expectations of the legislator WIEC meeting on January 25, 2022.
- D. Dr. Madsen announced an upcoming whitepaper release commissioned by Zions Bank on December 2, 2021 regarding economic indicators and data on women in the economy.
- E. Upcoming Meetings
January 25, 2022 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
March 22, 2022 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
May 24, 2022 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
July 26, 2022 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Co-Chair Senator Escamilla called for a motion to adjourn the WIEC meeting on November 23, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion: Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang